



APPRENTICE HOUSE

58 PARK STREET

A HOME FOR OUT-OF-
TOWN APPRENTICES OF
BROWN & SHARPE MFG. CO.
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

“Apprentice House”

“Apprentice House” is a home for out-of-town boys who are taking the training courses in our Apprentice Department. It is a well built three-story house, located in a good residential section of the city and only a short distance from our works.

On the ground floor are the housekeeper's apartments, two sleeping-rooms, a living room and a closed-in sun porch. On the upper floors are good sized halls, sleeping-rooms, toilets, and a large wash room containing lavatories and shower baths. Hot water is always available from an automatic heating system and there is steam heat in every room.

Each boy has an extra width spring cot with mattress, pillows and bedding of the best quality, a chiffonier, an armed rocker and rug, and each room contains a study table and chair. There is no gas in the boys' apartments, all lighting being by electricity. Bath and hand towels are furnished and these, together with the bedding, are laundered by our own electrical equipment in the basement of the house.

The living room is furnished with an aim toward comfort and homelike environment and a cabinet Victrola adds to the enjoyment of the evening and week-end hours of the boys. A supply of magazines is always on hand and through the extension service of the Providence Public Library our book shelves are kept filled with good, wholesome reading matter. The closed-in sun porch, opening through French windows from the living room, makes an attractive place for lounging and games.

The house is under the supervision of the Apprentice Department, but is directly conducted by a responsible housekeeper and an assistant. There are no set rules, the boys simply being asked on coming into the house to do there as they would in their own homes. Our policy is to maintain a thoroughly homelike atmosphere and to avoid the institutional tendencies often evident in such places.

No meals are served, but there are boarding places nearby where board may be obtained for about a week. Room rent is not taken out of the pay, but each boy pays the housekeeper weekly, this charge including the towel service.

Application for a room should be made with the application for an apprenticeship by sending a note with the application or by writing on the margin of the application blank. If there are no openings when the apprentice begins his course his name is placed on the waiting list and he is helped in finding a satisfactory room to use until there is a vacancy in the dormitory. Some of these temporary rooms are with families of men long employed by the Company.

Our boys like to live at “Apprentice House.” It is clean and quiet, and affords opportunities for good companionship that may well be compared with the valuable associations of a college fraternity house.



LIVING ROOM
LOOKING TOWARD ENTRANCE HALL



LIVING ROOM
LOOKING TOWARD SUN-PORCH



A ONE-COT ROOM



THE "SHOWER" ROOM
CONTAINS FOUR LAVATORIES AND TWO SHOWER BATHS